

**Tyringham Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2011**  
(Approved 11/28/11)

**Present:** Jerry Miller, Barbara Palmer, Ed Nardi, Rich Biasin, Carey McIntosh, Robin Almgren

**(1) Minutes** – Minutes for 24 Oct., 2011, approved as circulated.

**(2) ANR's & Building Permits** – No ANR's, two uncontroversial building permits, no public comment.

**(3) Wireless Communication Bylaw** -- The special town meeting Oct. 25 ended up supporting our move to rescind by a large majority. A new bylaw 6.7 should be ready this winter. Discussion: We have several working bylaws to use as models, including Williamstown's, which is very similar to the bylaw we rescinded but omits definitions; its setbacks are less prohibitive. We should also look at the bylaws of smaller towns, towns more like Tyringham. Probably a new bylaw should be briefer and less technical, because technicalities and technology are changing rapidly. Maybe in this case, "less is more," because a simpler bylaw allows us to respond to each application on its own merits: every location proposed for a tower will be different, and will affect neighbors differently. We can ask ourselves what kind of protection we would want if a tower were proposed near our own homes - and what kind of protection the town needs. Other towns have found it difficult to devise a wireless bylaw that works well, and we could learn something from their experience.

It was decided that in preparation for our Nov. 28 meeting, members will look at the rescinded bylaw and at our present bylaw (the old one); they will then list: 1. items and regulations that they consider "must-have"; 2. items and rules that need to be considered; and 3. items that require technological expertise to understand and administer. For these last, the new bylaw could specify that a consultant will be hired at the applicant's expense to ensure that the application is in compliance with FCC regulations.

**(4) Old Business –**

- The Bobrowski law book seems unavailable. Ed will make inquiries.
- Our schedule of meetings for 2012 should be posted.

Adjourned.